

Tom Dempsey

Tom leads the Conservancy's fisheries team in California and works on a range of fisheries including groundfish, swordfish, Dungeness crab and red abalone. Prior to joining the Conservancy, he held various positions spanning roles from a crew member on commercial fishing boats, to the Policy Director of the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Association, to a member of the New England Fishery Management Council. He is focused on advancing a new paradigm for fishery management and ocean conservation, one that is driven by local leadership and collaborations between fishermen, community leaders, and scientists who aim to better manage the resource they depend on.